

Approve an ordinance authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for award of \$353,583 in Transportation Enhancement funds to construct sidewalks near Maplewood and Summit Elementary Schools and Lamar Middle School, as well as to conduct a citywide safe bicycling and walking campaign; accepting grant funds in the amount of \$353,583 from TxDOT; amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$353,583; amending the Public Works Department Child Safety Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to transfer \$180,524 to the Public Works Department Capital Budget; amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-003) to transfer in and appropriate \$353,583 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund and \$180,524 from the Public Works Child Safety Fund.

Amount and Source of Funding

The total grant amount of \$353,583 will be provided by TxDOT. The required \$353,584 local match is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2011 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached. Purchasing Language: 03/05/09 Council adopts the 2008 Sidewalk Master Plan for the City of Austin; and **Prior Council** 06/11/09, Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan. Action: For More Annick Beaudet, 974-6505, Shannon Wisner, 974-7704 Information: Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: **Related Items:** Additional Backup Information

This Advance Funding agreement will allow the City to use Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to construct sidewalks as follows:

- Wilshire from Airport to Maplewood
- Maplewood from Wilshire to Ashwood,
- Duval from Amherst to Aspendale, and
- White Horse from Wynona to Nasco

These sidewalks will serve Maplewood and Summitt Elementary Schools and Lamar Middle School.

The project will also provide for a city-wide safe bicycling and walking campaign. The Public Works Department will provide a local match in the amount of \$353,584 for a total project cost of \$707,167. For this local match, \$173,060 is available from the 2010 voter-approved Mobility Bond funds in the Public Works Department Capital Budget. The remaining \$180,524 is provided through amending the Public Works Child Safety Fund Operating Budget.

The Transportation Enhancement Program is a federally funded program, administered by TxDOT. The program provides funding for projects that contribute to the livelihood of communities, promote the quality of the environment, and enhance the aesthetics of our roadways. TxDOT issued a call for projects in October 2009; this project was one of 54 projects selected out of 200 project nominations.